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Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Clark Atlanta 1971 BA; Harvard 1974 JD; Howard U 1985 MDiv
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Virginia (1987)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1978); Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1983)

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney, Atlanta Legal Aid Society (1974-1975)

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Military Service: United States Army (1975-1978); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1981-1986)

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Rebecca Beach Smith
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: William & Mary 1971 BA; Virginia 1973 MA;
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Began Service: 1989
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (1985-1989)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Willcox & Savage, P.C. (1980-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference; The Supreme Court Historical Society; Virginia State Bar

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Robert E. Payne
Senior District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Washington and Lee 1963 BA, 1967 LLB
Began Service: May 28, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: District Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (1992-2007)

Legal Practice: Attorney, McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe LLP (1971-1992)

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Richmond Bar Association; Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys; The Virginia Bar Association; Virginia State Bar

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Jerome B. "Jerry" Friedman
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
Education: Old Dominion 1965 BS; Wake Forest 1968 JD
Began Service: November 25, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Corporate: Assistant Trust Officer, First Union National Bank (1969-1970)

Judicial: Judge, Virginia Beach Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (1985-1991); Judge, Virginia Beach Circuit Court (1991-1997)

Legal Practice: Associate, Steingold & Steingold (1970-1971); Associate, Shapero, Levine & Abraham (1971); Associate, Shapero & Levine (1971); Partner, Shapero, Levine & Friedman (1972-1974); Partner, Levine & Friedman (1974-1982); Partner, Pender & Coward (1983-1985)

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Gerald Bruce Lee
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: American U 1973 BA, 1976 JD
Began Service: October 9, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University (1974-1978)

Government: Virginia Appointee, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (1990-1992)

Judicial: Judge, Virginia Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit (1992-1998)

Legal Practice: Associate, Wiggs & Holland (1976-1977); Attorney/Partner, Wiggs & Lee (1977-1978); Attorney/Partner, Wiggs Lee & McClerkin (1978-1980); Law Offices of Gerald Bruce Lee (1980-1983); Attorney/Partner, Lee & Finch (1983-1985); Law Offices of Gerald Bruce Lee & Associates (1985-1986); Attorney/Principal, Cohen, Dunn & Sinclair, P.C. (1986-1992)

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